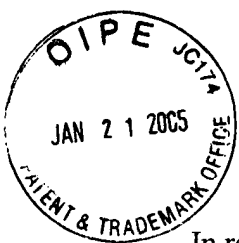


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 4, 9 and 10 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species. Thus, only claims 1-3 and 5-8 have been examined in the subject application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim in the application. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1. If claim 1 is found to be allowable, then claims 2-10 should also be allowed.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 5-8 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hitomi (U.S. Patent No. 5,161,750). This rejection is respectfully traversed.